# Kennedy assassination documents released

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Assassination researcher Harold Weisberg has forced the U.S. government to release a series of documents concerning the assassination of President John F. Kennedy that lends additional weight to the argument that the Warren Commission investigation was a sham and coverup.

Weisberg, who has authored five books on the Kennedy assassination, obtained FBI chemical tests which, he says, prove that Lee Harvey Oswald could not possibly have been a lone assassin and a government transcript indicating that President Ford, who was a member of the Warren Commission, suspected that Lee Harvey Oswald was in fact an undercover FBI agent.

**Freedom of Information**

The transcript obtained by lawsuit through the recently revised Freedom of Information Act (which was enacted into law over Ford's veto) details a Jan. 22 metting in which Ford and other Warren Commission members discussed the distinct possibility that Oswald was secretly working for the FBI and that Oswald's frequent use of post office boxes was a common practice of FBI agents. According to the 13-page transcript, which has never before been made public and was, in fact, supposed to have been destroyed, Ford was also concerned with Oswald's contacts with opposing groups within the Communist party.

"He (Oswald) was playing ball . . . writing letters . . . to both elements of the Communist party. I mean, he's playing ball with the Trotskyites and the others. This was a strange circumstance to me."

The Warren Commission's chief counsel, J. Lee Rankin, told commission members during the meeting that he viewed the FBI's role in the investigation as unusual and that he felt the FBI was attempting to close the case as quickly as possible without checking out many of the leads concerning Oswald's activities and connections.

At the end of the discussion, former CIA director Allen Dulles, a member of the commission, stated, "*I think this record ought to be destroyed.*"

Weisberg has also obtained FBI chemical test results (spectographic analysis) which compare bullets and bullet fragments which were removed from Dealey Plaza following the assassination. Neither these tests nor the Ford transcript have ever before been publicly released.

According to Weisberg, the

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one shot that missed the presidential motorcade and hit the curbing could not have been fired by Oswald. Since all Oswald's bullets were alleged to be "copper-jacketed" and since no traces of copper were found where the bullet struck, Weisberg contends that another rifle must have been used to fire the bullet. Another discrepancy which contradicts the Warren Commission conclusion that Oswald, a lone assassin, fired all the shots from the Texas Book Depository, was the angle of impact of the bullet that struck the curb. It is Weisberg's contention that it is impossible to achieve that same angle when firing from Oswald's alleged position on the sixth floor of the Depository.

**Support Grows**

These new revelations concerning the bankruptcy of the Warren Commission findings have added impetus to congressional support of a resolution by Texas Democrat Henry Gonzales calling for the establishment of a special congressional committee to look into the assassinations of President Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King and the attempted assassination of Alabama Governor George Wallace.

Among the latest congresspersons lending their support to the Gonzalez resolution (HR 204) are California Represenatives George Brown and Edward Roybal and New York Representatives Edward Koch and Mario Biaggi.

If established, the special congressional committee would be empowered to subpoena witnesses and establish a team of investigators and would operate much like the Senate Watergate Committee.

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